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HUD Secretary Cisneros Gives Newark An Affordable Housing Boost

Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, was concerned about the people in Newark and other urban areas who are living in and need affordable public housing, so much so that he made an unannounced, quiet visit to Newark in November to see conditions for himself.

He was appalled.

Consequently he returned to Newark on December 13, 1993, with his staff of 15 deputies, conducting their weekly staff meeting here. "It was impossible to describe in words and I wanted our staff to see it first hand," said Cisneros of Hayes Homes. According to New Community Corporation (NCC) director of development Ray Codey, Cisneros said "that first visit was the lowest day of his 11 months on the job as HUD secretary. 'The one thing we can all agree on is that folks ought not to have to live in conditions like those that exist at Hayes Homes today,'" he said.

Part of the staff meeting was a bus tour of Newark's public housing projects — certainly a new approach for such a high level delegation of HUD officials — but a picture is worth a

thousand words, as the saying goes, and the HUD staff got an "up close and personal" view of living conditions of the poor in Newark. They seemed interested and eager to learn.

Joining them on the bus were Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of NCC, Mayor Sharpe-James, Rep. Donald Payne and Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, as well as Ray Codey and the NCC executive team. Congresswoman Marge Roukema and Congressman Robert Menendez joined them later at a town meeting at Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh Homes public housing project off McCarter Highway where the presentation of the \$24 million Hope I (Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere) grant was made to NCC and another \$50 million Hope VI grant for renovation and community development at Walsh. (See Clarion December, 1993). Congresswoman Roukema spoke on behalf of NCC with much praise for their work. She is the senior ranking Republican member of the House Subcommittee on Housing.

Secretary Cisneros was responsive and genuinely concerned about the people, listening to tenant's individual problems and when spoken to in



Joining forces for a better tomorrow at the Hayes Homes site are: (left to right) HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, Sen. Bill Bradley, Msgr. William Linder and Mayor Sharpe-James.

Spanish, answering in that language before translating for the others.

As he addressed the Hayes residents he even changed the format of his program to accommodate their daycare

needs. His staff as well as eager to walk in the building and listen to the people, absorbing the real side of life in the city.

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Partnership For A Healthy Community

\$1 Million Health Service Grant From Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

New Community Corporation (NCC) is one of seven New Jersey-Based organizations that have received \$1 million in grant money to support creative approaches to help solve some of the state's most pressing health care problems, it was announced today by officials at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Under the Foundation's New Jersey Health Services Development Program, funding will be made available to support a range of health care and support services targeting AIDS, substance abuse, adolescent homelessness, home health services for the elderly, sexual abuse of people with disabilities, and the barriers that keep people from accessing health care.

Newark ranks at or near the top of several negative health indicators such as infant mortality, teenage pregnancy, AIDS, tuberculosis, and

child abuse. A new approach to reaching Newark citizens with appropriate health care services, entitled the Partnership For A Healthy Community, is being implemented by New Community Corporation in conjunction with Project HOPE. With a \$246,676 grant, The Partnership For A Healthy Community will train up to 30 community health workers from Newark to conduct outreach efforts in the neighborhoods in which they live. The program will link residents with primary care services, and involve them in individual and group teaching sessions on health promotion and disease prevention strategies.

The New Community Project HOPE partnership capitalizes on the particular resources of the two sponsoring organizations. NCC has been, for 25 years, a major contributor to the revitalization of Newark and the Central Ward, and through its affiliated programs already reaches thousands of low-income Newark residents. Project HOPE has developed primary care networks and trained health workers in economically and medically disadvantaged communities throughout the world, and has worked in the United States since 1969. For more information about the Partnership For A Healthy Community please contact Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services at 201-623-2800.

The New Jersey Health Services Development Program is intended to

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Children Together Opens Its Doors

Friends of Babyland and New Community and employees gathered with great excitement for the beginning of the Children Together program celebrated by an open house on December 16th. The occasion gave many of the guests an opportunity to see the fruits of long months of loving work which they gave selflessly for the new home. They were thrilled!

Warmth and comfort radiated from the former convent of Our Lady of Sorrows. Where there had been cold terrazzo floors, soft, cozy carpeting

welcomes the children. Three Christmas trees glow in different parts of the house. The tree in the living room was decorated by the Jr. League of Short Hills, while the Fun Room tree became beautiful at the hands of Girl Scout troop #506 from St. Cassian Church in Upper Montclair. The Eye Institute of North Jersey took on the ornamenting of the third tree.

One of the groups which decorated individual rooms even had draperies with bishop's sleeves and another had

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Children Together founder Pat Chisholm (far right) addresses guests at the opening ceremonies in the beautifully redone former convent.

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promote the development of innovative community-based health services in New Jersey with a special emphasis on improving access to primary health care, addressing the complex service needs of people with chronic health conditions, and reducing substance abuse. Each year grants of up to \$250,000 each are made available to New Jersey-based non-profit organizations. The program is directed by Jeffrey A. Warren, Executive Vice President of Cathedral Healthcare System and Linda J. Rosen, Deputy Director.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is the nation's largest health care philanthropy and was established in 1972. It concentrates its grantmaking in these areas: assuring access to basic health care; improving the system of services for people with chronic health conditions; promoting health and preventing disease by reducing the harm caused by substance abuse; and helping the nation address the problem of rising health care costs.

Florence P. Williams

Countdown To Eternity

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For months, now, *The Clarion* has been announcing the photo exhibit that New Community Corporation will be hosting. And at long last, we will see the fruits of our planning. An extensive Advisory Host Committee was brought together to help spread the word to the highways and by-ways. It is NCC's intent that 100 people will view the exhibit each day - that's almost 4,000 people! This is an exhibit you and your friends will not want to miss!

As part of the exhibit, the New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King Commission awarded NCC a grant to organize a lecture series. Entitled "The Legacy of Time," it will take place on Monday evenings at St. Joseph Plaza (the site of the exhibit) from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., January 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 14. Congressman Donald Payne will speak from a historical perspective on January 17.

For further details, or to make group reservations, please contact Lynn Mertz or Mike Prather at 201-623-6330.

Houseparents Of Children Together: Walter And Patricia York

Mr. and Mrs. Walter York have worked in the field of Human Services for a total of 40 years. Walter who is a minister at the Tabernacle Church in Newark, attended Essex County College and Thomas Edison State Col-

lege. He worked for Cedar Grove and Ewing Residential Center for six years as a youth worker supervisor and consultant. He also managed group homes for The Center for Humanistic Change located in Morris County.

Patricia York attended Trenton State College both as an undergraduate and graduate student. Both Mr. and Mrs. York worked at Skillman Training School for boys and

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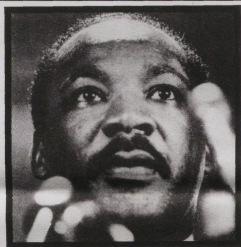
Walter and Patricia York

began teaching in the public school system at Orange Middle School. Mrs. York currently is a guidance counselor at East Orange High School.

The Yorks were teaching parents for eight years during the 80's and are very excited about this new concept of working with siblings in preparation for their reunification with placement in a well-structured and loving foster home.

The Yorks have two children of their own, Tamisha, age 13 and Yasin, age 10. Both children are enrolled in the South Orange Middle School and have spent most of their lives in a teaching family setting.

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Happy New Year

\$24 Million Affordable Housing Grant To NCC...

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A delicious lunch for the group was prepared by the NCC World of Foods whose CET program participants proudly did the honors. It was served in the Friendly Fuld Head Start Center within Hayes Homes.

The new public housing and training network program allows New Community the opportunity to redefine public housing in Newark and across the nation by providing employment training and operating subsidies to help 206 low-income, resident families sustain stable employment and home ownership. NCC is actively supporting and working with Secretary Cisneros as he and his organization reshape the philosophy

program there had helped her gain her nurse's aide certification, thereby boosting her earning potential from \$5-\$7 an hour to \$9-\$11 an hour, giving her hope of finding a place of her own. The residents of Harmony House stay an average of eight to nine months. The major problem for moving on being many times not the earning power but the absolute lack of enough affordable housing to move into.

The Hayes plan provides 288 much needed New Section 8 rental subsidy certificates (valued at \$34 million) to be distributed by the City's Housing Authority to low-income families in need of affordable housing. The renovated housing will also yield property taxes for the City which currently receives no taxes from the City's Housing Authority on the abandoned property.)

The HOPE I program therefore should help alleviate the affordable housing problem, but much more is needed. "It is a tremendously important initiative," said Cisneros of the NCC Hayes program. "It is an experiment; the first of its kind in the country," he went on. "If we can make this work, it would be tremendous."

The grant includes a five year program of job training, career counseling and other support services for 52 rental units giving residents constant assistance in getting and keeping a good paying job. The goal would be to get everyone up to an income so that they could afford to become owners at the end of the five year program. HUD would be paying NCC to provide that kind of support as part of its HOPE program.

Mr. Codey pointed out that the Hayes program does not take any public housing units out of service. "They're not in service; they haven't been in service for 12 years. They're on paper somewhere but that doesn't put a roof over somebody's head." It does however give low-income

residents the opportunity to become homeowners and regain control of their own destiny. A family of three, for instance, earning as little as \$17,800 would be able to own a two-bedroom apartment. In addition, these families will receive nearly \$5,000 in

job training education to allow them career and income advancement.

In this way the goal of New Community to improve the quality of life for the people of Newark, to reflect in individual dignity and personal achievement, will be accomplished.



Harmony House resident Alvarine Brown (left) discusses the importance of affordable housing with Secretary Cisneros and members of his staff.



Congresswoman Marge Roukema, Congressman Donald Payne, Secretary Cisneros, Msgr. Linder, NHA Director Harold Lucas and Congressman Robert Menendez commemorate the occasion with a photograph.

Secretary Cisneros responds to an inquisitive tot at Babyland V.

of public housing in urban areas nationwide.

The HUD staff tour also included a stop at New Community Harmony House (our transitional homeless facility for 102 families) where Alvarine Brown, one of the residents, told how the day care and job training

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matched a tissue box to the color of their room. Such caring touches! "It really feels like home," said Pat Chisholm, founder of the program. "There's a nice warm feeling."

The open house generated nothing but excitement. Just a week before, about 50 neighbors had also come to see the finished work of art, as did parishioners and Msgr. Charles McDonald, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows.

"All reactions have been most positive," said Mrs. Chisholm.

The Open House provided an opportunity for Children Together to thank

the many volunteers and supporters that have made this dream a reality.

The ceremony began with a heartfelt invocation by Walker York who is both House Parent of the Children Together home and a Pentecostal Minister. Patricia Chisholm who is the founder of the Children Together program and a Babyland Board Member, provided the capacity crowd with a warm welcome. Next James Ruffin, the Director of the Children Together program began presenting awards to the many volunteers and supporters. It is hoped they will return frequently and keep in touch.

Ray Ryan was one of the first recipients of an award for his decorating

talents that transformed the former Our Lady of Sorrows Convent into a beautiful home for brothers and sisters. The Junior Leagues of the Oranges and Short Hills and Montclair/Newark were presented with awards for all of their support and hard work that has assisted the Children Together program from its inception. Volunteers from Jersey Cares, Chase Manhattan Bank and Millburn Middle School were also recognized.

The leadership and support of Babyland Nursery and New Com-

munity Corporation, coupled with a tremendous amount of volunteer support has provided the Children Together program with the potential of realizing its ultimate goal — to reunite brothers and sisters with their natural parent(s).

Children began arriving almost immediately with Christmas just a few days away. Fortunately, three organizations had already called to ask if they could help with gifts, God bless them.

Yes, there really is a Santa Claus.



Ray Ryan presents an award to members of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills for all of the hard work and dedication to the project.

HOMES NEEDED FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

- * Have you ever wanted to make a positive impact on a child's life?
- * Do you have a willingness to work with children?
- * Would you like to share your life experiences with children?
- * Have you ever wanted to keep brothers and sisters together that might otherwise be separated by family dysfunction?

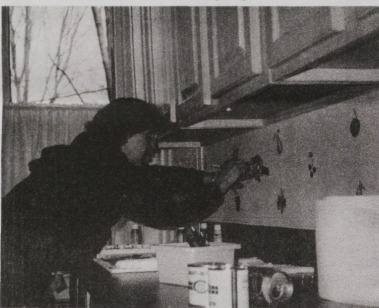
If you answered yes to any of the above questions then the Children Together Program is looking for you! We are currently recruiting compassionate people to provide a temporary home for brothers and sisters ages 5-13 in Essex County New Jersey. Contact: Sr. Loretta Cornell at (201) 762-8444

Undercover Work: Mary Saba At Children Together

Miracles are happening at Children Together, thanks to Mary Saba, a very artistic volunteer (thanks to Pat Chisholm) who is becoming a master craftsman.

While renovating the recreation room on the second floor of the

many coats of polyurethane, it appeared as if a brand new parquet floor had been added to the recreation room. Mary's hard work and creativity provided the Children Together home with an inexpensive alternative to carpeting the recreation room floor.



Volunteer Mary Saba stencils brightly colored fruits and vegetables to the backplash for a truly custom look!

Children Together home, an old hardwood floor was discovered underneath the rotting carpet. Mary, who was decorating one of the children's bedrooms, noticed that the floor was in need of repair. After assessing the dullness and wear and tear of the old floor, Mary became determined to bring it back to life. To do this, she decided to apply a latex satin paint to the floor in a parquet-like design.

The results were amazing!

After several hours of hard work and

Mary's work is indicative of the many ways volunteers have tastefully decorated and furnished the Children Together home. It is people like Mary Saba who are responsible for transforming the former Our Lady of Sorrows convent into a beautiful home for brothers and sisters. Mary's beautiful work is a proud testimony of her love and compassion for children.

Thank you Mary!

Bill Ernst



An amazing parquet floor created with paint highlights the second floor recreation room at Children Together.

Foster Parent Training Begins

The Children Together program conducted its first pre-service training workshop for prospective Babyland Foster Parents. The pre-service training workshop is mandatory for all prospective Babyland Foster parents and is designed to equip the participants with the skills that are vital for working with children. The training workshop was facilitated by James Ruffin who is the Director of the Children Together program. Topics covered during the pre-service training included working with the sexually abused child, working with aggressive children, behavior management, and positive discipline

techniques.

Attending Children Together's first pre-service training workshop were Jenelle Green, Emma Salters, Muhminah Shabbaz and Vida Foster. Upon completing the workshop Vida Foster commented that "the training was very helpful and I feel confident that it will help me do the best job possible as a Babyland Foster Parent."

The pre-service training combined with the wonderful personal attributes of the Babyland Foster Parents will provide the brothers and sisters placed in their homes with optimal care and love.

Babyland Employee Recognition Day

On Friday, December 17, 1993, thirty-eight Babyland employees were recognized for their years of service with the Agency. At the same time, approximately one hundred other Babyland employees joined in the celebration. A delicious buffet was served in a festive environment at the Priory Restaurant, combined with dancing and camaraderie. Employees

serving five to twenty-four years were each given a pin or tie tack inscribed with the Babyland logo, the Mother and Child, including pink and blue gem stones. To display one of her many talents, our Payroll Clerk, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, composed and read this beautiful poem which reflects Babyland's deepest appreciation to quite a unique group of employees.

Congratulations To:

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10-14 Years Service
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15-19 Years Service
Soleddad Alston
Melvin Boatwright
Shirley Milla

Annie Strothers
20-24 Years Service
Virginia Jenkins
Mary Smith

Millburn Middle School Students Help

Students from Millburn Middle School have taken a special interest in the Children Together Home. They covered the entire wall space in the basement with wonderful, cheerful children's story characters. The students used their imagination and childhood experiences to bring together characters that were both colorful and crisp.

The project is a tribute to crafty hands. Children camped out in the basement on three consecutive school days; they were so dedicated they did not want to stop. The wall space in the basement was not enough for these talented artists. Day one was simply stenciling. Then they sketched many characters including Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse and Aesop. But wait, let's not forget Winnie the Pooh.

Children living in the home will really appreciate the joint effort of Millburn Middle School students. No price could ever be put on painting those basement walls. The students worked hard and graciously; the project was brilliantly done over a short period of time.

Students of Millburn Middle School will never be forgotten, but to ensure this, the students left their "fancy"



Winnie the Pooh now lives in the basement at Children Together thanks to students from the Millburn Middle School. Signatures next to their individual works of art. It's just such a beautiful sight to see.

Sharon White
Children Together Home

Mini-firepeople At Babyland VI

The opportunity to become mini "firepeople" highlighted Engine 5's visit to Babyland VI on November 4. As firefighters from the Newark Fire Department demonstrated the intricacies of handling three types of hose, many young toddlers and preschoolers welcomed the chance to put out their own make-believe "brush fires."

Excitement filled the air as the sirens squealed and screeched. Firefighters patiently pointed out

each article of protective clothing and many youngsters eagerly tried on huge, black fire hats as an added treat.

After their very enjoyable outdoor experience, children viewed a video featuring their big hero - Big Bird. Many other Sesame Street characters playfully taught fire safety techniques.

A wonderful learning experience was enjoyed by all!

Sister Barbara Ferraio



The Educational Expo

Dr. Gloria Freeman, center supervisor at Babyland III, contemplated ways of getting more books, equipment and supplies for Babyland and came up with the idea of an Educational Expo. With the help of the other center supervisors, an experience was designed to explore child development and educational products for parents, caregivers and other Babyland staff.

It was a big success! Training workshops were set up for the day while simultaneously exhibitors displayed books, toys, videos, music and computers with several software programs which were age appropriate for early childhood programs.

Dr. Freeman referred to Babyland as, "The sleeping giant that is growing quickly by leaps and bounds," and suggested that Babyland staff has a tremendous opportunity to have a great impact on our future by the way we care for, nurture, and teach the little ones who are in our care. We can do this by making the children models as we articulate with other public and private Kindergartens. We can do it by improving the quality of life for caregivers and parents as well, through training, staff development and parenting tips.

They took the opportunity at the Expo to honor Mrs. Mary Smith, the Executive Director of Babyland. Her assistant, Martha Carroll said, "She's just like us, has her struggles as a mother, grandmother, etc., but has



Looking towards the 21st century are Babyland Executive Director Mary Smith and 1 yr. old Kadeem Donaldson. Looking on are Kadeem's mom, Diane, and Rodney Reese.

also had so many successes as well." Mrs. Smith emphasized that with love for children and much determination we can teach children well. The early childhood experts giving the workshops she felt would be an excellent "shot in the arm" for caregivers and others who work daily with children.

"Inclusion" was modeled by Dr. Barbara Blindfold, Director of Special Needs at Centenary College, with emphasis on the importance of all children feeling comfortable with others. Instruction were given parents on how to facilitate this.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Glenna McKnight, founder of Babyland, and many other children centers, took on the challenge with three words: pride, joy and humility as she discussed "Excellence In Caregiving." She encouraged all to sing even if they had been told they couldn't when young—just put new words to familiar melodies and sing with the children.

Speaking on the topic of "Developing a Healthy Sexuality" in children, Dr. Christine Baker, consulting psychologist, was very dynamic as she pointed out ways of identifying normal and abnormal behaviors.

Mrs. Maima Ebroe Kerns, CUNY professor, spoke on "Guiding Child



Dr. Glenna McKnight

Behavior" and provided a cooperative environment to parents and caregivers to share in experiences which promoted the possibility for children to acquire socially acceptable habits and values and to learn to love and be loved.

A retired preschool program director, Mrs. Viola Dove offered ways to provide a warm, stimulating, nurturing place for the little ones to explore and to be challenged daily.

Finally, Ms. Soledad Alston and Ms. Judy Rogers led a group in the discussion of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The products displayed included



supplies and equipment for the child with special needs, i.e. computer programs with a touch window, as well as items to challenge the gifted and talented. The Touch Window is compatible with most software and allows all children to engage in the learning process.

It is expected that this Educational Expo may lead to a model, age appropriate both educationally and developmentally, for infant to pre-K, thus presenting an educational challenge, said Dr. Freeman.

Comments heard were, "This was the best workshop I ever attended," and "I didn't feel this day was wasted." That rings of a successful program.

NCC Recognition Awards Ceremony

On December 10, an Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony was held at St. Joseph Plaza for 57 employees who reached their 5th, 10th, 15th and 20th service year anniversaries.

Board members Arthur Wilson and Joe Chaneyfield presented plaques and service pins to participants. Mr.

Wilson gave special recognition to Cecilia Faulks, who was celebrating her 20th year of service to New Community.

After the ceremony, employees were treated to a delicious lunch at the Priory Restaurant and then given the rest of the day off by Mr. Wilson.



NCC board president Art Wilson (standing, far left) poses with long time employees from the Home Health department of New Community.

NCC 1993 Employee Recognition Awards

4 Years	Lillian Acosta	Home Health	Allen Murray	Dunkin Donuts
	Evelyn Bell	Home Health	Queen Phillips	Extended Care
	Winsome Bellanotte	Home Health	Cedric Ponce	Home Health
	Ursula Berry	New Beginnings Spa	Shavonda Robinson	Extended Care
	Mary Black	Extended Care	Lorna Sandi	Extended Care
	Ponetta Blue	Home Health	Frances Stancil	Home Friends
	Annie Brown	Home Friends	Frances Stith	Extended Care
	Deasara K. Bryant	Home Health	Virginia Swift	Home Friends
	Gwendolyn Coleman	Extended Care	Edna Thelasma	Home Health
	Keith Coleman	Building Maintenance	Lawrence J. Thompson	Security
	Leatha Coleman	Security	Estan Black	Management
	Cynthia Dancy	Extended Care	Barbara Washington	Security
	Lawanda Davis	Extended Care	Ruth Washington	Home Friends
	Lionel Desdunes	Finance	St. Ann Tumulty	Home Health
	Linda Farrell	Swing Center	Michael Whitley	Security
	William Folsom	Security	Moses Young	Building Maintenance
	Samson Gebreyesus	Priory Restaurant	10 Years	Central Maintenance
	Edna Hall	Extended Care	Edna Black	Extended Care
	Cristal Holden	Home Health	Geann Bryant	St. Joseph Plaza
	Patricia Holden	Home Health	Bryant Hall	Claron
	Betty Jackson	Extended Care	George Harris	Security
	Bernice Johnson	Extended Care	Harriet Price	Central Maintenance
	Grace Jones	Home Friends	Linda Stuvand	Central Maintenance
	Fany Lopez	Douglas Harrison	15 Years	Central Maintenance
	Rafael Lopez	Priory Restaurant	Palford Dye	Edward Patterson
	Chacko Mathen	Finance	20 Years	Cecilia M. Faulks
	Dorothy McMillan	Extended Care		Human Resources
	Hector Morales	Building Maintenance		
	Blanca Morel	Home Health		

CET Graduates 20 Home Health Aides

Twenty new graduates joined the qualified ranks of Home Health Aide workers on December 6th. Eight or more will be hired by New Community Home Health; the rest will be referred to the NC Employment Center and other Home Care agencies.

The group completed a six week course of Home Health Aide Training as part of the New Community Employment Training program at New Community.

The students elected ViVivong De Smith to be their spokesperson, and she did so eloquently.

She also expressed the students thanks to those conducting the program including Sr. Ann Tumulty, Ms.

Marsha Hines, Mrs. Muhammad, Mrs. Carter and Ms. Dawud.

We thought you would like to hear the thoughts she expressed for this class:

"Show me a people without dignity and I'll show you a downtrodden people. Show me a people without self-esteem and I'll show you a sinking people. Show me a people without a legacy and I'll show you a lost people. Show me a people without dreams and I'll show you a lifeless people."

"Tonight, we are here to show you that we are not a people without dignity, self-esteem and most important not without dreams. Many say that we are a generation that does not appreciate the achievements of previous generations; who struggled to make things more possible for us: This is not so, we do acknowledge the legacy of those before us and we're willing to continue the struggle of that legacy."

"This Home Health Aide course has done many wonders and has taught us many aspects of life towards the aging and chronically ill. We have learned how to communicate with the elderly and people of all ages: how to care for them properly; help to assist them and help them to help themselves. We have learned that caring for the elderly and caring for children are very different and how we should recognize those differences."

"Because we realize that we are carrying a rich legacy filled with hopes and dreams of our forefathers and mothers, we dedicate this speech to our families, teachers and role models, as a way of saying we appreciate you, we thank you and we honor you."

Santa Visits Babyland Early

While planning the Educational Expo and searching for good books for Babyland children, Dr. Gloria Freeman was referred to the Community Bookshelf in Montclair. This organization is run by 5th graders at Montclair-Kimberly Academy. Every year they collect and distribute gently used and new books, but this year they were given 10,000 new books by an anonymous donor and were seeking people who need them and could make the best use of them.

All of the Center Directors were invited to come and select the age-appropriate books they needed for each center. Altogether, we were able to select over 1,000 books for our little ones. Some books are books that the children can read, feel and touch; some are for the caregivers to use for reading stories to the children. Others are good for staff development.

What a marvelous benefit for our Babylanders. Thank you!

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IN NEW COMMUNITY*****



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A CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Orchestra Of St. Peter By The Sea



The Christmas Concert, held at Essex County College and sponsored by the New Community Foundation, capped New Community Corporation's year long 25th anniversary celebration.

What Is The Hispanic Base Community?

Through the Hispanic Development Corporation the Hispanic Community has begun to actively organize for the improvement of conditions in their urban environment, by a base community model.

Our purposes and goals are reviewed below.

PURPOSE:

1. To interest people in a better way of life.
2. To bring about systemic change in their urban environment.
3. To train individuals in process theory and leadership.
4. To foster assertiveness in dealing with public entities.

GOALS:

1. To continue to combat, weaken and eliminate criminal and drug activity in our area.

Objective: Reduction of drug dealing resulting in a stabilized neighborhood.

2. To increase our political power base by registering all eligible unregistered voters.

Objective: Through the use of street coalitions, block associations and base communities to make civic government aware of the size and power of the Hispanic vote and use this leverage to obtain better policing, sanitation, employment and other city services.

LONG RANGE GOALS:

1. To train both present and new leadership in public speaking and advocacy.
2. To develop task forces along the base community model to address concerns of the community residents through listening sessions followed by organizing and planning activity.

Anyone interested in joining may call Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T. Director and Coordinator at 623-6231.

Ricon Hispano

Programa Esperanza I

El PROGRAMA HOPE I es una iniciativa nueva del Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de los Estados Unidos, para convertir instalaciones de viviendas públicas a propiedades residenciales. En el año 1992, HUD ha repartido \$137 millones por toda la nación en subvenciones para poner en práctica estos proyectos de conversión.

New Community Corporation propone convertir a propiedades residenciales a los edificios 9 y 10 de Hayes Homes por medio del PROGRAMA HOPEI. Estos edificios son parte de un compuesto de diez edificios de doce pisos edificadas en los años mil nueve cientos cincuenta. Actualmente sólo 280 apartamentos de los 1,458 están en uso. Los edificios 9 y 10 van vacíos por unos diez años empeorándose cada vez más.

New Community Corporation ha recibido de HUD \$25 millones para restaurar los edificios 9 y 10. Parte de este fondo irá para proveer entrenamiento de empleo y subsidio de mantenimiento, para permitirle a 52 familias de ingresos bajos lograr empleo seguro y ser dueños de casa.

El proyecto Hayes Homeownership patrocinado por NCC permitirá familias ganando tan poco como \$17,800 tener su propio apartamento de dos dormitorios. Estas mismas 52 familias recibirán unos \$5,000 en entrenamiento de empleo para darles un adelanto en sus trabajos e ingresos.

También va haber 288 certificados de subvenciones de alquiler Section 8 que serán distribuidos a familias de ingresos bajos en necesidad de vivienda por el Newark Housing Authority. Estos certificados están

apreciados a unos \$34 millones.

New Community le va dar prioridad para los 52 apartamentos de bajo ingreso a los residentes actuales de Hayes Homes. Los inquilinos de Hayes que califican a base de ingresos también tendrán prioridad en los otros 154 apartamentos. Se piensa que a ser beneficioso para 100 de las 280 familias.

Cada edificio se va remodelar de apartamentos de 1, 2, 3, 4 y 5 dormitorios a un plan de apartamentos de 2 y 3 dormitorios con el propósito de tener familias grandes en los pisos bajos, para que no tengan que depender tanto de los ascensores. Total, habrá menos apartamentos, sólo 206 de 288, pero serán más grandes en tamaño en conformidad de criterios modernos.

El primer piso de cada edificio va a tener una entrada central con vigilancia 24 horas al día, instalaciones de lavandería, salón comunitario, guardería, y clínica médica. El local será diseñado para aumentar un sentido de comunidad y tener uso máximo de espacio.

Inquilinos tendrán entrada total a servicios de NCC Network, incluyendo guardias de seguridad 24 horas al día, servicio especial de asistencia pública profesional, y el centro de empleo de NCC, que ha situado más de 1,000 personas al año en trabajo fijo.

La propuesta de New Community no está en competición con otras propuestas basadas en Newark. Si la aplicación de NCC no tiene éxito, Newark perderá \$60 millones en fondos de mucha necesidad para viviendas, y en muchísimos puestos de trabajos de construcción.

Roberto Clemente, Jr.

Roberto Clemente, Jr. hijo del famoso estrella de beisbol Roberto Clemente, recorrió a New Community y la oficina de NC Hispanic Development el miércoles, 15 de diciembre.

Hubo un desayuno en Manor Senior, 545 Orange St., en su honor patrocinado por la oficina de NC Hispanic Development Corp. Ahí el Sr. Clemente tuvo la ocasión de conocer y hablar con miembros de la oficina y de la Comunidad de Base de la Sexta Avenida. Después de expresar su alegría de poder conocerlo en persona, habiendo tenido a su padre como ídolo, los presentes le explicaron al Sr. Clemente los problemas que han atormentado a la comunidad Hispana en Newark, particularmente las drogas y el crimen.

Sr. Clemente escuchó a los presentes y después explicó o como él ha estado bregando para mejorar la vida de la comunidad Hispana, especialmente para los jóvenes. El "Roberto Clemente Foundation" ya ha abierto

un centro en Pittsburgh donde jóvenes pueden huirse de las calles llenas de crimen y drogas ofreciendo en su vez servicios atléticos, de estudio, y conserjería. Hay posibilidad que el Sr. Clemente venga a Newark en el futuro para empezar algo similar.

Al medio día el Sr. Clemente, Lynn Mertz su guía de NCC, Hna. Guadalupe Nieto, Luz Velez, y Hno. Tino Arias de NC Hispanic Development Corp., Jeannette Rivera, Santos Hernández, miembros de la Comunidad de Base, William Andujar, entrenador de beisbol, y Feli Roig, Msgr. Linder de NCC compartieron en un almuerzo delicioso en el Priory Restaurant.

El día terminó en Manor Senior donde jóvenes de los equipos de beisbol y de los Grupos de Jóvenes Junior y Senior tuvieron ocasión de hacerle preguntas a Sr. Clemente y hablar con él. Todos quedaron contentos con la presencia y sinceridad del Sr. Clemente. Se puede decir que Roberto Clemente, Jr. marco un jonrón.

Fiesta de Reconocimiento

La Comunidad de Base Hispana de la 6ta Avenida celebró con gran éxito su primera Fiesta de Reconocimiento para líderes de la comunidad en Manor Senior, 545 Orange St., Newark, el domingo, 5 de diciembre.

Asistieron representantes del gobierno del estado, la ciudad, y el condado, líderes de la comunidad y de

Sarrico, miembro de la junta. Estas placas bellas fueron otorgadas a James DuBose, Essex County Sheriff Deputy Director, Captain James Cosgrove, Detective Inés Gonzalez, y miembros de la CDBH de la 6ta Avda. Sr. William Andujar, Sr. Jannette Rivera, Sr. Mariano Rodriguez, y Sr. Casey Sarrico. Resultó gracioso



Working together for a better community are Janette Rivera and Capt. Brennan. Looking on are James DuBose and Sr. Guadalupe Nieto.

policías, y los miembros y las familias de la Comunidad de Base de la 6ta Avenida, cuales vinieron para honrar y reconocer a ciertos individuos por su esfuerzo y dedicación extraordinaria en servicio a la comunidad.

La Hna. Guadalupe M. Nieto, MSBT, directora de New Community Hispanic Development Corp. y coordinadora de CDBH de 6ta Avds., dió una afectuosa bienvenida a todos. La Sra. Jannette Rivera sirvió como Maestra de Ceremonias y presentó una pequeña historia del comienzo de la Comunidad de Base de la 6ta Avenida.

Las Resoluciones Cívicas fueron entregadas por nadie menos que el Honorable Ronald Rice, quien a la vez fue otorgado un Certificado por la CDBH de la 6ta Avda. por su esfuerzo en satisfacer las demandas de su electorado.

Las placas en reconocimiento por servicios comunitarios las dieron la Hna. Guadalupe y el Sr. Casey

cuando llamaron a recibir su placa a Lucy Velez, miembro de la junta, y secretaria de NC Hispanic Development Corp., porque la Hna. Guadalupe lo había tenido como un secreto. Pero fue una mayor sorpresa cuando a la vez le otorgaron una placa a la Hna. Guadalupe.

Hubo doce mas certificados otorgados en reconocimiento de el esfuerzo para limpiar nuestras calles de drogas y crimen y de darle el poder al pueblo para mejorar ellos mismos los vecindarios: Capt. George Bagnel, Capt. Thomas Brennan, Sr. Elsa Camacho, Officer Robert Decker, Officer Joseph Farina, Sr. Santos Hernández, Officer Derrick Holloway, Sr. José Jácome, Sr. Benny Malavé, Officer Francis McGuire, Sr. Miguel Salcedo, y Sr. Donna Seay del Departamento de Sanidad.

Al fin todos compartieron en una deliciosa recepción. Buen fin a un buen día.



Award recipients pose for a picture with Sen. Ronald Rice (right).

El Capitan Brennan Donacion

El Capitán Brennan del Departamento de Policía de Newark hizo una donación de \$200 para ayudar a NC Hispanic Development Corporation para dar de comer a los necesitados en el día de Navidad. La oficina de NC Hispanic Development fue un patrocinador de Dora Padro y la Iglesia Pentecostal de Cristo, 80-82 Sussex Ave., Newark, quienes dieron de comer a los indigentes en Penn-

sylvania Station, Newark.

Voluntarios prepararon unas comidas ricas, pero había alta de pavos para poder tener una cena de navidad tradicional. Por eso NC Hispanic Development esta muy agradecido al Capitán Brennan, sin su ayuda no se podía comprar suficientes pavos. Aun vive el verdadero espíritu de Navidades.



At Your Social Service

The Season Of Giving

The time period between November and December is always special in so many ways. For many this is the time of reunions with family and friends that could not be contacted during the year. Cards and phone calls are a top priority, a reminder that someone cares and is thought of in a special way. There are special remembrances for those who have gone "home" before us. Children transcend to angelic heights when many there is a longing to reach out and brighten the hopes of those who are less fortunate.

To be the recipient of such an outpouring of generosity is a wonderful feeling. There are many who come to our doorsteps, bless us by phone, send tickets and love. Many of these contacts are made without having had any visual communication. The donations are genuine and from the heart.

The New Community Social Services Department is extremely grateful to the many "friends" we have made during the year. These friends are people and organizations that have helped to make the holidays a much brighter experience for our many senior and family residents.

At Thanksgiving generous donations of assorted food and turkeys came which was a blessing for many families. Seniors were able to serve a fine feast in their community rooms

and tables were laid with splendor.

Gifts are a part of the season, both giving and receiving. For many of our families who exist on AFDC, SSI, or even incomes which barely meet the demands of day to day living, the extra show of love which is displayed through an outpouring of donations is heart warming.

Parents are assisted in making the Christmas holiday a more memorable experience for their children. The variety of gifts range from household products to toys, to letters containing money, to clothing, to gift certificates to various food stores. A number of our youth were fortunate to receive quality restored bicycles.

It would not be the holiday season without offerings of excellent stage performances. This area too, was covered. Several youth and family members were treated to some of these performances which left an indelible impression in their minds and hearts.

There is far too many persons and organizations to thank by name and no one should be left out. In a collective thanks on behalf of the entire staff of the Social Services Department, to each and every one who thought of us in a special way. "Thank you."

"May the New Year gift you with many God-sent blessings."

Joyce Cook

Teenage View Of Christmas

The most important part of the Holiday to me is Christmas, because I like getting gifts and giving out gifts. I really liked when we went to the Senior Citizen building and we had to sing around the tree that was lit up. Everyone was singing, not just the people from Harmony House.

After we finished singing outside, we went inside to have more of the service. First, this lady sang Silent Night, then another lady played the banjo, and later an elderly man sang "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

They served us juice, donuts and hot chocolate.

A little while later they called on the

Harmony House children. We recited poems, just the three of us - Jasmine, Wakeelah, and I. After we finished our poems the lady asked everyone what they were thankful for. They had an opportunity to speak out. Mr. Burse stood up, and he said he is thankful that his mother is home from the hospital and that she made it through a heart attack.

I am really glad that I went down there because I had fun. This was an enjoyable way of starting the Christmas season.

Written by:
Zakiyah Threatt
Age 13

Student Of The Month

This month's student of the month is Frank Noble.

Although a new comer, Frank has grown to work very well and diligently by himself and with others. Frank who attends Newton Street School, is a 5th grader who enjoys watching as well as playing basketball and football. Frank also wants to become a Newark Policeman someday.

We wish Frank all the best in his future endeavors and hope he continues to strive for greatness.



Frank Noble

A Time To Give Thanks

On Thursday, November 18, a group of tenants from Douglass Harrison gathered at NC Commons for a Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with turkey, stuffing, yams, greens, pumpkin and apple pie. In addition to a delicious meal, everyone was entertained by two talented and generous friends of New Community. Delores

Branch delighted the guests as she tickled the ivory keys of the piano. Angel Lee has definitely perfected her skill over the years on the saxophone - what a great player!

It was a time to relax, enjoy, and appreciate the gifts of laughter and friendship.

Sr. Yvette Arnold

That's Entertainment

It is an annual event for the Social Services Department of New Community to celebrate Christmas at the Priory Restaurant. The location is such a beautiful setting and just right for comfortable conversation, playing the "Pirate" game, gift exchanging and the opportunity to be together in a non-work atmosphere.

The staff of Social Services is multi talented and on many occasions it is a fabulous source of entertainment. There was one year when the appearance of Billie Holiday, Mabley Reeves and the Vandellas, and Tina Turner added an extra flair to the festivities. Mind you these were not the "real thing" but captivating nonetheless.

For the Christmas party of 1993, the staff was gifted with fine entertain-

ment provided through the courtesy of the Lila Wallace Foundation. The funding made it possible for the Newark Community School of the Arts to assign a jazz ensemble, "The Sophisticated Gents," to perform for three fabulous hours. It was a wonderful surprise for the regular patrons of the restaurant and a special treat for the staff. The music was uplifting and had some rising to the occasion to join in dancing.

To Mrs. Betty Hughes, Associate Director and Mrs. Joyce Perry-Jacobs, Director of the Newark Community School of the Arts, thank you for the wonderful entertainment.

On behalf of the staff of New Community Social Services, we wish the faculty and students of the school a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Joyce Cook



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New Year's Celebration Music by Johann & Richard Strauss and George Gershwin

Sunday, Jan. 16, 1994, 3 p.m.

Masterwork Series featuring the music of Beethoven, Prokofiev and Bruckner

Sunday, January 23, 1994, 3 p.m.

Winter Pops Series "Hollywood to Broadway" Skitch Henderson, Conductor, "Salute to Broadway"

Sunday, February 6, 1994, 3 p.m.

Masterworks Series featuring Czech music

Sunday, February 27, 1994, 3 p.m.

Winter Pops Series "Hollywood on Broadway" Bobby Short Trio



Achievements Of A Teen Mother

Alicia Holland has been selected as Mother of the Month for November. Alicia and her daughter Quaneisha Perrin have been participants in the Parent Child Center since October 1992. Quaneisha is now in our toddler room which she will be graduating from next year.

While in the program, Alicia has obtained her GED from Elizabeth High Adult Learning Center. From there she joined the NCC Employment Training Program where she received skills in computers. Upon completion of this program, Alicia decided she wanted to continue to further her education. For this reason, Alicia applied to and was accepted at Essex County College which she is now attending. She has not yet decided her major course of study.

In addition to her academic schedule, Alicia also finds time to actively participate in the program. She is the Vice Chairperson for the Policy Council. As a representative of our other parents, Alicia was selected to attend the National HeadStart Parent Involvement Institute in Washington,



Alicia and Quaneisha Holland

D.C. which she found to be very beneficial educationally. Alicia also attends the workshops given daily in the program.

Shonda Laurel
Social Service Coordinator

Harmony House Party

Members of the Bloomfield College Junior Class visited Harmony House on November 19, 1993 to throw a Thanksgiving party for the youth.

The students coordinated and supervised the event as a community service project in the "Adopt-A-Shelter" program at Bloomfield College. (See the

November 1993 issue of the *Clarion*).

Eight students brought snacks for a child's fantasy Thanksgiving meal. A lively dance contest came next. The student judges found it hard to make the final decision with so many talented dancers.

Party favors for everyone ended a fun time for all.



The kids from Harmony House had a blast with their friends from Bloomfield College at the Thanksgiving party.

Cold Weather Can't Stop

Harmony House has taken on a new fall look thanks to the chrysanthemums, flowering cabbage and alpine spruce that the Youth Garden Club planted in October. Colorful flowers will brighten the front entrance. Alpine spruce will keep the courtyard green all winter long in the large barrels the children used to plant them.

The children learned a completely new gardening skill — planting spring bulbs. They decided that even though most of them won't be living here in the spring, they were happy to do it as a beautiful present for the future residents of Harmony House.

This fall planting was made possible through funding from the Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal service organization connected to the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. The North Central Garden State Branch, under their president, Eleanor Katsch, reached out to the youth of Harmony House. These

generous individuals deserve many thanks.



Harmony House Volunteers

Harmony House volunteers are making 1993 a great year for learning. Volunteer Homework tutors, literacy readers, science tutors and GED tutors are assisting the children and adults of Harmony House to reach for their educational potential in a personal and powerful way. This fall, the Youth Department welcomes back many veteran volunteers, newly joined by energetic members of the Newark, South Orange, Chatham, East Orange, Hillside, Orange, Nutley, Montclair, Irvington, Oak Ridge and Jersey City communities.

These volunteers are all dedicated to helping the homeless families of Harmony House, but in many cases that is where the similarities end. Volunteers are women and men, scientists and counselors, students and nurses, business people and retired persons. They are racially and economically diverse. Single parents are finding the time to make their community a better place.

We thank all of them and extend a request to you to join them. Helping everyone all types of people. You can do it, too! If you are interested, call Jennifer Olear, at 623-8555.

View On Homelessness

On November 22, 1993, Parade Magazine visited New Community Harmony House to take pictures of a homeless facility for families and of families working towards self-sufficiency.

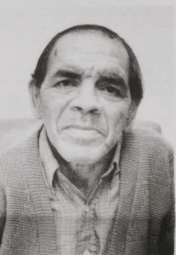
Parade wanted to view homelessness beyond the streets of despair and rows of cots in shelters.

Accompanying the Parade photographer was Tom Keyon, Director of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Mr. Keyon presented the history of homelessness in our nation — the progress and the needs.

Look for this informed publication on homelessness earmarked for January 1994.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Administrator

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?



We are desperately seeking relatives/friends of an unknown Hispanic male in his 60's. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds with brown eyes and dark brown hair mixed with gray.

He was found on Route 78 near Routes 1 and 9 on October 10, 1993, and is presently being cared for in our Extended Care facility.

He responds to the name Rafael, but is not able to give any other information.

Anyone with information about this man, please contact New Community Hispanic Society, Sister Guadalupe at (201) 623-6231 or Penny Mateen at 624-2020.

"Building Bridges"

Save the date! "Building Bridges," the theme of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Dinner will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 1994, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at NC Commons at 140 So. Orange Ave., Newark. Cost of the ticket is \$5 per person for dinner and entertainment. For further information call the Social Service Office of NC Douglass Harrison at 623-4520. Come and support the youth of our community!

Adopt-A-Family

The Holiday Season is much brighter at Harmony House thanks to the toy and gift donations in the "Adopt-A-Family" project.

Individual and group donors from Newark and surrounding communities were matched with Harmony House homeless families. "Wish Lists" provided by the families allowed for personalized donations. Our own residents also got involved.

When New Community resident

Helen Goynes heard of the "Adopt-A-Family" program she was sure the members of the Medina Grand Council Daughters of Sphinx, to which she belongs, would like to help. She was right; they decided that their gifts for charity this season would go to the children of Harmony House. They delivered them December 21.

We thank all those warm and loving hearts who gave.



Helen Goynes and her friends enjoy their gift-giving.

A New Year — Another Try

"Reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14

This new year comes as another lease on life, presenting opportunities to do those things which we failed to do or did poorly in the past. With its advent comes the vision of a new tomorrow with new hopes. We face the challenge to set a new course with enthusiasm and determination. Venturing into the new year with faith, as did Abraham who went out not knowing whether he went, we too must be confident that this new year holds in store for us good things.

There will be choices which we may be compelled to make deliberately or by default, and we may have to go

through difficult situations but when we look at all the options, weigh the probable outcomes of each with our scale of values and morality, our inner goodness will take us in the right direction. Unforeseen and unexpected occurrences may alter some plans we make and disappointments may befall us but we must not be dismayed.

The past year is gone and the failures and mistakes that occurred during it are gone with it. The dawn of a new year looms on the horizon; let us greet it with optimism, sincerity, fresh spirit, sanctification of thought, and dedication to do the will of God in our every day life throughout this new year which is a legacy from God.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Babyland's Holiday Blessings

The beautiful season of Christmas is a special time to enjoy holiday activities. The children, parents and staff from the Parent-Child Center Program attended the show "Babes in Toyland" at Symphony Hall in early December. They all enjoyed the wonderful Christmas story with its toy soldiers, and of course Santa and his elves.

The parents at Babyland I joined in the Christmas spirit and had a great time decorating the Christmas tree and what a beautiful job they did. Under the tree were many wonderful gifts for all of the Babyland children. Children, parents and staff joined in the festivities and greeted Santa and his elves at the Christmas party.

We are most grateful to the generosity of so many people, organizations and churches for their kind donations of Christmas gifts. If you could have seen the faces of the children as they opened their gifts your hearts would have felt our gratitude to our benefactors. Because of the kindness of our many friends the children enjoyed gifts of clothing and toys that many of their families could not afford to give them. On behalf of all of the families



What a beautiful tree at Babyland I! at Babyland's Parent-Child Center Program we thank you!

Wishing you all many blessings in the New Year!

Sr. Suzanne Janis
Babyland IV Center Supervisor/
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Parent Child Center Christmas

The spirit of Christmas filled the air at Babyland Nursery Parent Child Center. On Dec. 22nd Bellcore Pioneers of Livingston sponsored a Christmas party for the Head Start families.

The party included lots of food, fun, and a surprise visit from you know who! Yes, Santa Claus who made his way from the North Pole to bring stockings for the parents and children full of toys, books and school supplies. Bellcore Pioneer volunteer Paul Lake entertained the families as he made balloon animals and shapes for the children. The families each received a Santa bag full of educational toys, clothing and personal items for the

parents. The Santa bag donations came from various community agencies, schools, companies, individuals and families who have an interest in their community and care about families and children in need.

All the teen parents, their children and the staff of the Head Start program send a sincere thanks to all the donors for their contributions during this holiday season. As one parent stated, "I used to not believe in Santa until now. I feel really blessed!" Thank you — Peace and Happiness to all.

With sincere appreciation,
Gina M. Ogburn
Head Start Program Director



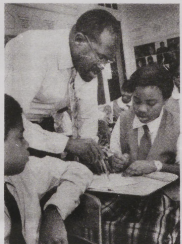
Teen moms and their children had a very merry Christmas thanks to the good-hearted people from Bellcore Pioneers and other organizations who donated items for gift giving.

Engineering And Science Education Begins

The staff of St. Rose of Lima School had the opportunity to learn from two of its members in a unique way. The occasion was an inservice workshop training session: "Introducing Calculators in the Lower Elementary Grades." The workshop was conducted by Camillus Ventour, mathematics coordinator and seventh grade homeroom instructor. This recent session focused on the way teachers can involve students using calculators in an investigative process and to determine these instruments capabilities to do repeated addition and subtraction. The faculty was introduced to the T-1 MATH EXPLORER, and its many functions, especially its ability to input and display, and manipulate whole numbers, fractions and decimals.

Mr. Ventour revealed lesson plans that were developed for instruction in simple addition, subtraction, counting backwards and repetition.

Along with Mrs. Scullilli, our volunteer computer lab coordinator, Mr. Ventour is a participant in a three year statewide "Mentor Teacher" project at the Steven's Institute of Technology Center for Improved Engineering and Science Education (C.I.E.S.E.) in Hoboken, NJ. During the course of the school year, both Mrs. Scullilli and Mr. Ventour will conduct several mentoring activities with the faculty. These workshops will focus on enhancing mathematics education by incorporating into classroom instruction the effective use of computer technology.



St. Rose mathematics coordinator, Camillus Ventour, demonstrates the proper use of a compass to an eager student.

C.I.E.S.E. is under the directorship of Dr. Edward Friedman at Steven's. It is supported to a large degree by a national science grant to Steven's to work with forty teachers in sixteen school districts and train them to become "mentor" teachers in their schools on technology application for mathematics learning. Mr. Angelo J. Pantazes, a consultant for C.I.E.S.E. to Mr. Ventour and Mrs. Scullilli, has visited St. Rose of Lima School in a resource capacity as outreach supervision is required by the terms of the project.

A Christmas Carol

The Chatham Community Players performed a spectacular show on Saturday December 4, 1993. It was truly one of the best plays I have ever seen.

The first Act began in London, England in 1843. Bryan Caue, who played Charles Dickens, vividly told the people of the town about his book, "A Christmas Carol."

The story began in Ebenezer Scrooge's office. The scene really showed what a heartless and greedy man Scrooge was. It included a very amusing musical number, "Jingle of Money."

At about the third scene Scrooge got a visit from the first ghost. It was Jacob Marley's ghost — Scrooge's long time business partner. He told Scrooge of his torments in death because of the bad way he had treated people during his lifetime and warned his former business partner to change his ways.

The realism was exciting. Everyone was either at the edge of his or her seat laughing or crying with sympathy.

Scrooge was visited by three ghosts in total, each reviewing various aspects of Scrooge's past and predicting his future if he continued in his present manner.

Finally, Scrooge was moved by the plight of the poor children in the form of Tiny Tim, played by Amanda Johnson. He changed his ways and pledged to create a better world.

Dickens ensured that we did not lose sight of ignorance and want by showing that the world was doomed unless we improve the conditions of the children, "yellow and meager, ragged, scowling and wolfish."

One could not miss the fact that after 150 years we still mirror the suffering of Tiny Tim.

Thank you Chatham Community Players for not offering a candy-cane fairy tale of Christmas, but a universal vision of warmth, charity and love.

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Away In The Manger

On December 9th, the Christmas Crib in front of New Community Manor Senior at 545 Orange Street, was again aglow. Time had come to prepare for the coming of a new beginning. Time had come for the blessing of the Christmas Crib.

The residents, along with St. Rose of Lima Junior choir members and members of the New Community Social Services Department gathered together on that clear night to listen to Monsignor William Linder. He told a narrative of the history of the Crib which was begun long ago by Saint Francis of Assisi. Monsignor then blessed the Crib. The ritual ended with the singing of "Silent Night," in both English and Spanish.

All were delighted with the social which followed in the beautifully decorated community room of Manor Senior. Ms. Joyce Cook was the "emcee" for the evening. And what an evening!! Mrs. Emily Ross-Jukes and

her choir students were a delight to hear. It was obvious that the children love to entertain. Mr. Raymond Davis played the piano while all in the room burst into song. Sister Helene Truettit, of Douglass-Harrison, Social Services also entertained the good natured group with renditions on her bango.

Mrs. Beatrice Quittley, the building hostess, served punch, cocoa and the special treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts.

Why not take time from your busy schedule and visit the Crib at Manor Senior? It will be on display until January 7th. The 6th of January is the feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings Day, as it is known in the Hispanic community.

We hope to see you. You will be truly inspired. Incidentally, all the figures were hand painted and refurbished by one of the residents at Manor, Mr. William Edwards.

Sr. Mary Haworth, SFP